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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/02/07 (Amendment).
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 25-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-5, 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Renner et al (US 6,219,107).

Claim 1:

Renner discloses:

A video decoder (Figs. 1, 4, and the ABSTRACT), comprising:

“input interface circuitry for receiving an input video signal”, see Fig. 1 items Vin, 110, 108;

“separation circuitry, for separating the received input video signal into signal components”, see col. 2 lines 42-53, col. 4 line 40 to col. 5 line 13;

“output format circuitry for presenting an output signal to a video display”, see Fig. 1 item OUT, Fig. 4;

“and a first automatic gain control circuit (col. 1 lines 16-17), comprising:

“a gain stage for amplifying a signal corresponding to the input video signal by a first gain value”, see Fig. 1 item AGC;

“and gain update circuitry, for modifying the gain value responsive to a selected one of a plurality of signal attributes of the input video signal derived at least in part from the signal components separated by the separation circuitry”, see Fig. 1 items OUT, 108, 110, col. 4 line 40 to col. 5 line 13.

Claim 2 is disclosed, see col. 3 lines 32-67, col. 4 lines 24-51.

Claim 3 is disclosed, see col. 3 lines 32-67, col. 4 lines 24-51, col. 2 lines 13-53.

Claim 4 is disclosed, see col. 1 lines 31-64, col. 4 lines 29-51, col. 3 lines 23-66.

Claim 5 is disclosed, see col. 4 lines 29-51.

Claim 25 is disclosed, see Fig. 1 item 110.

Claim 26 is disclosed, see Fig. 1 items A2D, 110.

Claim 27 is disclosed, see Fig. 4 item 400.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered, but they are moot in view of the new interpretation of the reference necessitated by the amendment, all the added limitations have been addressed in the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 6-24 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

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§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (571) 272 7344. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272 7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JWD

Jan. 20, 08

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ometz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID OMETZ
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER